

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 28 remain pending in the present application. Claims 15-27, 29 and 37 have been cancelled. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.

REJOINDER

Applicants respectfully request the rejoinder of Claim 28. Claim 28 depends from Claim 1 and Applicants believe that they are entitled to the rejoinder of this claim. (MPEP 809.02(c)). In Applicants' response filed October 2, 2003, Applicants requested that the non-elected claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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